

Wednesday, February 3, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 10 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1115–S1197

Measures Introduced: Thirty-three bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 333–365, S.J. Res. 8–10, and S. Res. 31. **Pages S1143–45**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
Reported on Tuesday, February 2, during the adjournment:

S. 4, to improve pay and retirement equity for members of the Armed Forces, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–1)

Reported today:

S. 262, to make miscellaneous and technical changes to various trade laws. (S. Rept. No. 106–2)

Special Report on Committee Activities of the Select Committee on Intelligence. (S. Rept. No. 106–3) **Page S1143**

Appointments:

North Atlantic Assembly: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed Senator Roth as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly during the 106th Congress. **Page S1134**

North Atlantic Assembly: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed Senator Biden as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly during the 106th Congress. **Page S1135**

National Council on the Arts: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–83, his appointment of Senator Sessions to serve as a member of the National Council on the Arts. **Page S1134**

Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed Sen-

ator Dodd as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the 106th Congress. **Page S1135**

Approval of Journal: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached that when the Senate recesses as a court and resumes legislative session, the Journal of Proceedings be approved to date. **Page S1189**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report concerning the emigration laws and policies of Albania; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–2). **Page S1135**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Received on Friday, January 29, during the adjournment:

Robert Wayne Gee, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

Received today:

27 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S1189–97**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 3:13 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Thursday, February 4, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1189.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, receiving testimony from William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense; and Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, February 9.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee held hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000, receiving testimony from Robert Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury; and Sylvia Mathews, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, February 9.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 54 public bills, H.R. 3, 514–568; 1 private bill, H.R. 569; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 22, H. Con. Res. 22–23, and H. Res. 37–38 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: One report was filed as follows:

H. Res. 36, providing for consideration of H.R. 350, to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates (H. Rept. 106–6).

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of February 2 by a recorded vote of 383 yeas to 18 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 11.

Pages H381, H398–99

Joint Economic Committee: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Saxton to the Joint Economic Committee.

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Airport Improvement Program Short-Term Extension Act: The House passed H.R. 99, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend Federal Aviation Administration programs through September 30, 1999 by yeas and nays vote of 408 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 9.

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Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 31, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote.

Pages H389–90

Aviation War Risk Insurance Extension-Suspension: The House agreed to Suspend the rules and pass H.R. 98, amended, to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the aviation war risk insurance program, by a yeas and nays vote of 407 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 10.

Pages H387–89, H398

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Lee wherein she resigned from the Committee on Science.

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Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following to the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards: Representatives Thomas, Chairman, and Representatives Boehner, Ney, Hoyer, Clay, and Frost.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 3:03 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas and nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H397–98, H398, and H398–99. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on the Joint Economic Committee, the GAO, the GPO, the Joint Committee on Taxation, the Architect of the Capitol, and the Capitol Police Board. Testimony was heard from Representatives Saxton and Archer; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer, GPO; Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; the following officials of the Capitol Police Board: James W. Ziglar, Sergeant at Arms, Senate, Chairman; Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms, House of Representatives, and Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol, both Board members; and Gary L. Abrecht, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police.

U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on threats to U.S. national security. Testimony was heard from George Tenet, Director, CIA.; and Lt. Gen. Patrick M. Hughes, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Approved an Oversight Plan for the 106th Congress.

CREDIT UNION MEMBERSHIP ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held an oversight hearing on the National Credit Union Administration's implementation of the Credit Union Membership Access Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Credit Union Administration: Norman D'Amours, Chairman; Yolanda Wheat and Dennis Dollar, both Board Members; and public witnesses.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET SUBMISSION

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the President's Budget Submission for Fiscal Year 2000. Testimony was heard from Jacob J. Lew, Director, OMB.

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE SAFETY ACT AND HAZARDOUS LIQUID PIPELINE SAFETY ACT REAUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on reauthorization of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act and the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act. Testimony was heard from Kelley Coyner, Administrator, Research and Special Programs, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

WIRELESS PRIVACY ENHANCEMENT ACT; WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 514, Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act of 1999 and H.R. 438, Wireless Communications and Public Safety Enhancement Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Thomas Surgue, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Chief, FCC; Maureen Finnerty, Associate Director, Parks Operations and Education, Department of the Interior; John Parsons, Associate Regional Director, National Capital Region, National

Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 391, Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments of 1999; H.R. 433, District of Columbia Management Restoration Act of 1999; H.R. 416, Federal Retirement Coverage Corrections Act; H.R. 437, Presidential and Executive Office Financial Accountability Act of 1999; and H.R. 436, Government Waste, Fraud and Error Reduction Act of 1999.

Prior to this action, the Committee met for organizational purposes and approved an Oversight Plan for the 106th Congress.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Administration: Approved an Oversight Plan for the 106th Congress and a Drug Testing Policy for the House of Representatives.

The Committee also considered other pending committee business.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT—MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL AIRPORT EXPANSION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 149, amended, Omnibus Parks Technical Corrections Act of 1999; H.R. 171, to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey; and H.R. 193, Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Wild and Scenic River Act.

The Committee also held an oversight hearing on the impact of the expansion of the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport on the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Testimony was heard from Senator Grams; Representative Ramstad; Dan Ashe, Assistant Director, Refuges and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Lynn Pickard, Manager, Community and Environmental Needs Division, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 106th Congress.

MANDATES INFORMATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 350, Mandates Information Act of 1999. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three day layover of the committee report) and section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the

Budget Committee's jurisdiction, unless reported by the Budget Committee).

The rule considers the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Rules now printed in the bill, as an original bill for the purpose of amendment which is considered as read. The rule waives points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act.

The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to those members who have preprinted their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD prior to their consideration. The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone recorded votes and to reduce to five minutes the voting time on any postponed question, provided that the voting time on the first in any series of questions is not less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

PAPERWORK ELIMINATION ACT; MICROLOAN PROGRAM TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 439, Paperwork Elimination Act; and H.R. 440, Microloan Program Technical Corrections Act.

Prior to this action, the Committee met for organizational purposes.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION—PRESENT AND FUTURE TRENDS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Ground Transportation held a hearing on Present and Future Trends in Ground Transportation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee also approved an Oversight Plan for the 106th Congress.

SSI FRAUD AND ABUSE; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on SSI fraud and abuse. Testimony was heard from Representative Filner; the following officials of the SSA: John Dyer, Principal Deputy; and James G. Huse, Jr., Acting Inspector General; Cynthia Fagnoni, Director, Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee met for organizational purposes.

IMPACTS OF CURRENT SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on impacts of the current Social Security system, with emphasis on Social Security protections for women. Testimony was heard from Barbara Bovbjerg, Associate Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue February 10th.

AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT; U.S. TRADE RELATIONS WITH SUB- SAHARAN AFRICA

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade approved for full Committee action H.R. 434, African Growth and Opportunity Act.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on U.S. trade relations with Sub-Saharan Africa. Testimony was heard from Senator Gramm; Representative Jackson of Illinois; William Daley, Secretary of Commerce; Robert Rogowsky, Director of Operations, U.S. International Trade Commission; Jack Kemp, former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Andrew Young, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on counterterrorism issues, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: business Meeting to mark-up S.257, to state the policy of the United States regarding the deployment of a missile defense capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold oversight hearings to review the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program of the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold oversight hearings to review the activities of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings on the proposed Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings on the nomination of James M. Simon, Jr., of Alabama, to be

Assistant Director of Central Intelligence for Administration, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Armed Services, executive, to continue hearings on threats to U.S. national security, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on a proposal to establish an Office of Management in the Executive Office of the President, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to continue to meet for organizational purposes, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to meet for organizational purposes and to consider the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 106th Congress, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R.

15, Otay Mountain Wilderness Act of 1999; H.R. 150, Education Land Grant Act; and H.R. 154, to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units, 10:00 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, to meet for organizational purposes, 11:00 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the financial needs of airports, the FAA, and the aviation system, 10:00 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, to meet for organizational purposes, and to hold a hearing on oversight of U.S. Coast Guard Expenditures, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2000 Budget, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

1 p.m., Thursday, February 4

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, February 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue to sit as a Court of Impeachment to consider the articles of impeachment against President Clinton.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 350, Mandates Information Act (rule and general debate only).

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